

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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October 28, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER
FROM: WINSTON LORD *W*
SUBJECT: Filling in Yahya on your China Trip

Attached at Tab B is a backchannel from Ambassador Farland relaying Yahya's hope that your recent China visit was as successful as the July one. He had not yet heard from the Chinese but promised to let us know soonest if he receives any word from them, and he would be glad to be helpful at this juncture if such help were required. You will recall that the Chinese informed Yahya well in advance of your October trip and also that Yahya asked us, if appropriate, to make a public statement on the need for peace in the Asian subcontinent during your Peking visit.

I believe we should give Yahya a rundown on your trip. Attached at Tab A is a backchannel to Ambassador Farland with a message for Yahya which hopefully combines the elements of forthcomingness and innocuousness.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you approve the cable at Tab A.

Go over as edited.

DOS Review Completed.

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October 29, 1971

TO: Islamabad for Ambassador Farland Only

FROM: The White House, Henry A. Kissinger

Thanks for your October 28 telegram. Please give President Yahya the following message from me:

"Ambassador Farland has informed us of your October 28 conversation with him. The President and I warmly appreciate your continuing interest in the development of our relations with the People's Republic of China which you and your government have been so instrumental in assisting. Your message to Prime Minister Chou En-lai before my recent trip to China was very thoughtful and constructive.

I am pleased to report that my October visit built upon the positive beginning that was made in July and that all essential missions were accomplished. We were able to reach agreement in principle on the major concrete arrangements for the President's visit to China. There will be a joint announcement of the date for the trip during the latter part of November. The trip itself will take place in the early part of 1972.

We also resumed our substantive discussions of July with both sides frankly stating their views on our bilateral relationship and major issues of concern in the Asian and Pacific region. Neither side ignored the deep differences which separate the People's Republic of China and the United States

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and both recognized that many such differences will not be resolved as a result of the President's meetings with the Chinese leaders.

The ~~gave~~ situation in the Asian subcontinent is one area on which there was much discussion. Both the Prime Minister and I expressed our countries' friendship for Pakistan, our appreciation for your role in facilitating US-PRC relations, and the urgent necessity to avoid hostilities in the subcontinent. I outlined the various steps that the United States has taken to assist Pakistan in the economic and humanitarian fields, as well as our political efforts to reduce tension in the région and our strong warnings to India not to initiate hostilities. As your note to us prior to my trip suggested, this visit did not provide an appropriate occasion for a substantive public statement.

I believe the extensive conversations that I held with Prime Minister Chou En-lai served well to clarify further the views of both sides, reconfirm the desirability of President Nixon's visit to China, and lay the foundation for a successful meeting between the American and Chinese leaders."

Warm regards.

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1. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION TODAY FOLLOWING YAHYA-WILLIAMS DISCUSSION, YAHYA EXPRESSED HOPE YOUR RECENT CHINA VISIT HAD BEEN AS SUCCESSFUL AS PREVIOUS ONE. SAID THAT HE HAD NOT HEARD FROM CHINESE YET AS TO RESULT YOUR TRIP BUT PROMISED TO LET ME KNOW SOONEST IF ANY WORD RECEIVED. FURTHER, SAID HE WOULD BE GLAD TO BE HELPFUL THIS JUNCTURE IF SUCH HELP REQUIRED.

2. FYI CHOU-EN-LAI EARLY LAST MONTH REVEALED TO YAHYA PLANS OF YOUR NOW COMPLETED TRIP. HE CONFIDED THIS INFORMATION TO ME ON SEPT 19, AND IN ENSUING CONVERSATIONS DURING MEETINGS THEREAFTER EXPRESSED SATISFACTION MEETING WAS TO BE FORTHCOMING.

3. ON MATTER OF PAK-INDO TENSION YAHYA STATED CATEGORICALLY THAT HE WOULD NOT INSTIGATE WAR WITH INDIA BUT EXPRESSED GREAT CONCERN THAT MRS. GANDHI, IN ORDER TO THWART TRANSFER OF POWER AND RETURN OF DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT, WOULD PRECIPITATE CONFLICT.

4. IN ACCORDANCE YOUR REQUEST HERETOFORE HAVE CONVEYED TO M.M. AHMAD YOUR BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED UNEVENTFUL TOTAL RECOVERY.

5. BEST REGARDS.

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